Principal's Patter:

School Council Nominations
We earnestly await required nominations for 2014. Please consider your availability to assist the school for your children. Nominations remain open until Wednesday 11 December, prior to our next newsletter. Please complete the tear-off on page 2 and return to the school.

Student Opportunities
Many parents were privileged to attend the performance of ‘The Robin Hood Tales’ as played by students from Year 3 – 6. Orchestrated by Mrs Sarah Aynsley and ably managed by Hannah Bowden, this drama production, which had been in development for most of this semester, had the audience amazed, enthralled and at times in rollicking laughter at the antics on stage. A marvellous opportunity for students to display their dramatic talents at an early age.

Staffing
Congratulations to Chantelle Meade on her successful appointment to a teaching position at Beverley for 2014.

Student Reports
These documents will be sent home on Monday 9th December. Parents are encouraged to make contact with their child’s teacher to discuss their child’s report. Teachers will be available to meet with parents on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th. Please make an appointment through the front office.

Student Council - 2014
Following a pleasing total of 23 nominations for these leadership positions for next year the Year 4 – 9 audience listened to their speeches yesterday afternoon and voted. The Student Council 2014 will be announced at the Presentation Night on Wednesday 18 December.

Beverley DHS is on the Bushfire Zone Register
The Department of Education (the Department) is concerned to maximise the safety of its students and staff. Beverley District High School has been added to the Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that the school may be required to invoke pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Beverley in which your school is located. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.

What does this mean for our school? When given advance warning by DFES - Dept of Fire and Emergency Services that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the pre-emptive closure of Beverley District High School. If the school receives such a direction, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

Front Office Display
Many thanks to Mrs Sims and the Kindy class for their fantastic bears, an absolute highlight. Mrs Wansbrough is coordinating a Xmas display to complete our year.

Values
The new value this week is Confidence. Developing the ability to approach situations with due preparedness and clarity is vital for the growing generation.

Norm Ireland
Principal
THE DEPUTY’ S DIALECT

Never turn down a job because you think it’s too small; you don’t know where it could lead.

Julia Morgan, 1872-1957, American Architect

T20 Competition

Today I had the pleasure of taking 16 of our Year 4-7 students to Pingelly Oval to play T20 cricket against Pingelly PS, Brookton DHS and York DHS. All students were well behaved and had a fun day playing an exciting version of cricket.

Wheatbelt Ball

Recently the High School students had the opportunity to attend their first ball as an adult social event. This function was undertaken by Lyn Kay and required a significant amount of planning and organisation over a long period of time. Students from surrounding High Schools who also have no access to a ball were invited. The young ladies and gentlemen dressed impeccably, were photographed for memorabilia at the door and entered the fairyland Lyn and her helpers had created in the hall. A lavish supper was provided as was the DJ who had the students regularly on the dance floor. A great night, enjoyed and respected by all who attended. Congratulations to Beverley students and thank you to Lyn.

Bike Safety

With the beautiful weather we are experiencing it is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of wearing a helmet when riding their bikes.

Here is an excerpt from the Better Health Victoria website:

Helmets and cycling for children

Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 60 to 90 per cent. It is compulsory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle in Australia on any road or road-related area like a bike path, bike lane, shared footpath or separated footpath. Tricycles (with a pedal and chain) are considered bicycles under the road rules.

Your child’s helmet should be:

• Approved – make sure the helmet carries the Standards Australia mark
• The right size and correctly fitted – the helmet should be comfortable and not too tight or loose. Caps should not be worn under helmets as they ruin the fit – your child can wear a visor over the helmet to protect them from the sun. Choose a helmet that is not too heavy and provides good ventilation
• Positioned properly – the helmet should sit level on the rider’s head, covering the forehead with the rim just above the eyebrows. The straps should be correctly adjusted and the buckle securely fastened. The straps should form a ‘V’ shape with the plastic strap guide sitting just under the earlobe. Ensure straps are not twisted. The buckle should be close up under your child’s chin
• Kept in good condition – a helmet is designed to protect a person’s head for one impact only. If the helmet has been involved in an accident or if it has been dropped from a height, you must replace it even if there is no visible damage. Do not leave a helmet exposed to direct sunlight when not in use, make sure the foam is not old and crumbling, and clean it according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

PETER HALL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION - PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING

I would like to nominate ________________________________ to be a member of the School Council at Beverley District High School.

Nominated Person Acceptance __________________________  __________________________

Nominator ________________________________  __________________________

Return this slip by Wednesday 11 December
On Friday 15th November, Beverley held its first Interschool Spelling Bee. Students from years four to seven had the opportunity to compete against their peers in a spelling competition. Students from Beverley, York, Quairading, Pingelly and Brookton all took part. The Students, from every school, showed courage and determination. Everyone who participated should all be very proud of their efforts!

Thank you to all the staff and students who supported the opportunity for a new activity in our school. Special congratulations must go to all of the Beverley students for representing your school with pride. Congratulations, you all did a wonderful job.

**Spelling Bee Results**

- Year 4 Champion Speller - Josh Galbraith (York)
- Year 4 Runner Up - Harrison Bowden (Beverley)
- Year 5 Champion Speller - Shannon Demiris (Pingelly)
- Year 5 Runner Up - Breanna Page (Pingelly)
- Year 6 Champion Speller - Elle Skinner (York)
- Year 6 Runner Up - Oscar Cooke (Beverley)
- Year 7 Champion Speller - Andrew Jenkinson (York)
- Year 7 Runner Up - Candice Treasure (Beverley)

**Interschool Primary Spelling Bee**

Congratulation, you all did a wonderful job.

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**Operation Christmas Child**

Our boxes have reached Thailand! We are very excited with the news that some children less fortunate than ourselves will soon receive our gifts.

A special thank you to the Student Councillors who travelled with me to the Samaritan’s warehouse to sort and pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They conducted themselves with maturity and sincerity. A credit to Beverley District High School.

Congratulations Student Councillors, you have made a difference in the lives of others :)

Mrs Aynsley

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**TEA TOWELS**

Orders have arrived and have been distributed today.

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**Merit Certificates - 21st November 2013**

**Year 1/2:** Oscar Blanch, Levi Collins  
**Year 2:** Lateesha Collins, Tabitha Roche  
**Year 3:** Campbell Gors, Bonnie McIvor  
**Year 4:** Mervin Collins, Eli Marchesano  
**Year 5:** Dean Collins, Kayla Lamb, Dean Murray  
**Year 6:** Kelvin Quartersmaine, Stanley Stevens  
**Year 7:** Millie Byworth, Candice Treasure  
**Year 8-10:** Tarq Christianson, Teisha Collins

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**Request for Donations**

The school is seeking donations from interested parents or organisations to assist with the purchase of the end-of-year book prizes. All donations are greatly appreciated. Presentation Evening 18.12.13

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**NARROGIN TENNIS CLUB – JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

Call Jo on 0419 926 208 or 9881 4256 or email dalejo@iinet.net.au for info & registration.

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Beverley District High School

**Kindy & Pre-Primary Christmas Celebration**

Saturday, 14th December 2013

From 4.00pm

Join us in a twilight picnic to celebrate the end of the year
Broadway, here we come!!!! The Drama Club cast and crew have been amazing all year!! We put on a play—The Robin Hood Files—on the 22nd November. It was hilarious fun, with everyone getting into character and witnessing some AWESOME acting (and singing) The props and costumes were great and the everyone was amazing learning their lines and acting all round! We rehearsed most weeks and we would like to thank everyone for sticking to the program. It was amazing to see the confidence grow and to watch everyone laughing and having fun.

Thank you very much to everyone who brought in costumes, helped with sets and to the parents who helped out with the night. Thank you also to Mrs Aynsley, who oversaw the entire operation, opened doors and accepted the idea!

I hope that everyone who gave it a go and got something out of it. It was a success of an experiment and a very fun project to be involved in. Some of the acting was worthy of a Oscar and very funny to watch.

Thank you to all those who believed in this idea!

Hannah Bowden, Student Councillor

CONGRATULATIONS!
I would like to congratulate the efforts of the drama club for their enthusiasm and dedication.

As you may be aware, this initiative was put forward by one of our Student Councillors, Hannah Bowden. She has done an amazing job running rehearsals each week, planning costumes and directing the budding actors and actresses. Fantastic work Hannah, you should be proud of your efforts. :)

And it must also be mentioned that all the students who participated each week, did so with enthusiasm and respect. They were responsible in their approach to the task and supported Hannah in her endeavours.

I trust you have had a wonderful learning experience and will, again, find yourself on the stage!

Mrs Aynsley
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